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Attorney's Docket No. 009683-329

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In re Patent Application of )  
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Eiichi SANO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2853  
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Application No.: 09/057,502 ) Examiner: C. Hallacher  
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Filed: April 9, 1998 )  
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For: INK JET PRINTER CAPABLE OF )  
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☒ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	30	MINUS 27 =	3	× \$18.00 (103) =	\$54.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 5 =	1	× \$84.00 (102) =	\$84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					\$138.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$138.00</b>

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 138.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

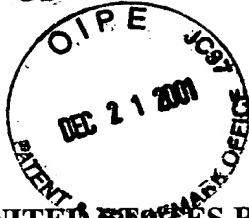
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AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 31 - 33:

--31. (New) An ink jet printer comprising:

an ink jet head comprising at least one nozzle which is capable of ejecting ink droplets of different sizes to form, on a recording medium, image forming dots and smoothing dots, wherein the smoothing dots are smaller than any one of the image forming dots, said ink jet head being capable of scanning on the recording medium while ejecting, from the at least one nozzle, the ink droplets to form an image consisting of the image forming dots and the smoothing dots that are located on any one of a plurality of scanning lines; and

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